



COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



Again, I want to thank all who attended the March Meeting and Work Party. I want to give a great big *Thank*

You to **Chuck Carroll** and his crew for all their hard work on the harbor side of the Ferry. I know that **Vice Commodore Casey Curry** will address more on our Work Party in his article.

St. Patty's Day was spectacular! We had Martinez YC join us for the week-end and a great time was had by all. They all swear they will be working on their beer drinking skills for next year. Speaking of beer drinking, **Amy Dawson's** boyfriend **Robert Lozier** won for the guys and **Heather Jones (Dave Newton's** girlfriend) won for the gals. Your Commodore gave it the old college try, but **Lee Fitzgerald** and Heather Jones are out of my league. Good Job Sportsmen!

What a great dinner **Doug Horton** and **Gary Abeyta** put on. Guys, the food was fantastic! Our kids did all the serving and clean-up, so big

thanks to **Jake & Wyatt Curry** and **Mookie Camp** (Gibson's granddaughter), **Tess Stubberfield** and her friend **Kayla Briney**, **Cassie Moody** (Lucido's friend), **Ethan Horton** and **Katrina Weddle** (Seber's granddaughter).

Scott Wood was instrumental in ordering all the meat and other main produce for our event. *Thanks, Scott, for doing a great job!*

As always **Alice Gibson** did a terrific job making our old lady look festive and charming. Thanks also goes to **Lonnie Gibson**, **Kay Power**, **Heather Jones**, **Audrey Coach**, **Shari Horton**, **Bob & Cindy Art** and **Jackie Steele** for all their work with the reservations, tables, Ship's Store and the raffle; all in all it made the night a huge success. Thank You guys!

Thank you **Chris Stubberfield** **Brian Hope**, **Janet & Tino Abon**, **Casey Curry**, **Pat Sebers**, **Dave MacDougall**, **Big Steve**, and, of course, my **Dan** for keeping our bar running

smoothly.

The month of March ended with a fabulous cruise-out to Rio Vista! We had 11 boats, 24 people, and 4 dogs. The Treasure Hunt was lots of fun and it was a three-way tie won by **Cindy Art**, **Alice Gibson**, and **Pam Hamilton**.

Thanks to our **Fleet Captain Jackie Steele** for planning this adventurous and fun-filled event!

Now on to April! The General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, the 6th, and Opening Day will be hosted this year by Driftwood YC on the 7th, so I hope to see you all there. Let's get out and decorate our boats and have some fun!

Our Fleet Captain has another great cruise-out planned for the end of April, so there is a lot for Sportsmen to do this month.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Cinco de Mayo Dinner on May 5th and our Blue Grass BBQ on June 9th!

Have a Happy Easter!

All Aboard!

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Have a Blessed Easter!



VICE COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



Another month has passed and we accomplished quite a bit on our last Work Party. We still are working on the beam

under the Ferry and I believe we made a little progress. This is something that will

take some doing to complete, but I am sure it can be done with lots of help from our members. Let's all pitch in when we can. We also were able to level the roof line on Area 3. A new wall was constructed in the affected areas and seems to be holding strong. At the next Work Party, we will need to build some railing in

the area for safety reasons.

Since **Ethan Horton's** proposal for a small target range in the "Back 40," it has been enjoyed by young and old alike.

Remember - Safety First.

Once again, I would like to thank the following people

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REAR COMMODORE PAT SEBERS



April is here, spring has sprung. It is like someone turned on the sunshine switch – super weather to be on the water.

The cruise-out to Rio Vista was a fun one. I saw some other 'new cruisers' come with us, so I wasn't the only new guy. Us dock knockers have to stick together.

My first time cooking for more than six people at the March meeting was pretty intimidating. It wasn't that bad; you're all still alive aren't you? I thank all 50 members who participated in the experiment ... and please let me know if any symptoms develop!

Thanks to **Gary Abeyta** for being the driving force to help pull off the dinner. Sorry about the baked potatoes, the breakfast galley's oven temperature would only go slightly above a 'hot breath.' **Russ Lord** has come to the rescue and repaired the oven for future use. If I can cook a meeting dinner, anyone can – How about some Associates sharing the secret family

recipe?

Ed Collins just purchased a 1989 'Chick Magnet' ski boat. I helped him launch it after he cleaned up the carburetor a bit. All boats run extremely smooth until you get out of sight of the ferry...Ski boats by their very nature sit very low in the water – we got wet...

All boats, when first purchased, jump up on plane with little effort...Cough, Cough – she will only run at 1500 RPM – all the way around Mayberry Slough and West Island. "Ed, do you have a radio, anchor, or bilge pump on this thing?" He points to the newly purchased life jackets, paddle, and a tin can – Then said "be sure to make the cell call to the Club BEFORE the phone gets wet." We made it back running on Sportsmen luck and a smile. It was a good day.

St Patrick's Day was a blast. I did not realize we had so many Irish members. All this time I thought **Dave MacDougall**, **Tom MacLean** and **Jerry Mahoney** were all Italian – go figure...

I love this place!



Dinner will be served before our April Meeting!

Our Menu

- Roast Beef**
- Potatoes & Carrots**
- Tossed Green Salad**
- Rolls & Butter**
- Dessert**

\$10.00 per person
By
Jay Ward
and Crew

We are limited to 50 reservations, so contact **Audrey Coach** or make your reservations on-line as soon as possible



Come join us!

We have some great cooks in this Club!



Contact **Doug Horton** right away to get your name in for the month you would most like to cook a Meeting Night Dinner!

From now on, the meeting night dinners will be \$10.00 per person unless stated otherwise.

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen!

April		May	
6	Club Meeting & Dinner	4	Club Meeting & Dinner
7	Opening Day	5	Work Party
28	Cruise-out to West Gate Landing	5	Cinco de Mayo Dinner
		26-28	Memorial Day Cruise-Out to Three River Reach

Opening Day on the Delta!



Saturday April 7th

(Note the change of date)

This year's Opening Day Parade

is hosted by Driftwood YC

The parade theme is "Pages of Time"

Parade Begins at the Antioch Bridge

Approximately 1:00 p.m.

No-Host Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at Driftwood YC 6:30 p.m.

Awards Ceremony 8:00 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

The Evening's Dinner Menu

Lasagna, Fresh Vegetables

Salad Bar, French Bread

& Tapioca Pudding

\$12.00 per person

Salad Bar only is \$6.00 per person

Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 5th

Menu

Steak Ranchero

Refried Beans

Spanish Rice

Flour Tortillas



Dinner will be
served at 6:00 p.m.

\$12 per person

Reservations can be made on-line

or contact

Audrey Coach (686-1167) by May 1st.

Thank You!



April Birthdays!

- 02 Pat Sebers
- 04 Paul Olsson
- 05 Sheryl MacDougall
- 07 Dave DeCato
- 07 Donna Hendricks
- 07 Ricky Scannell
- 08 Audrey Coach
- 08 Bill Coach
- 08 Doug Horton
- 09 Ann Alcorn
- 11 Tim Doolin
- 12 Arline Collins
- 15 Tori Dias
- 16 Bert Schneider
- 16 Dwayne Larosee
- 17 Louise York
- 18 Mary Wheeler
- 23 Al Fries
- 27 Casey Salva
- 27 Dolores Swart
- 28 Lillian Scampini

HISTORIAN NOTES

KATHIE HAMMER



I recently learned about a very important ship, the USS New York.

She was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center. She is the fifth in a new class of warship – designated for missions that include special operations against terrorists. She can carry a crew of 360 sailors and combat ready Marines to be delivered ashore with helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted in a foundry in Amite, LA., to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on September 9, 2003, "those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence," recalled Navy Captain Kevin Wensing, who was there. "It was a spiritual moment for everybody there."

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the hair on the hand stood up. "It had a big meaning to all of us," he said.

The ship's motto? "Never Forget."

FLEET CAPTAIN

JACKIE STEELE



The cruise-out to Rio Vista in March was a huge success! As Sherry has said in her article, we had 11 boats join in and the Treasure Hunt was a blast! The food was great and we all had lots of laughs—and that's what cruising-out is all about! Now that the weather is warming up, I hope this is the beginning of many great cruise-outs for our members this year.

This month will find us celebrating Opening Day on the Delta and I hope most of our fleet participates on April 7th. Let's help one another early on Saturday and simplify the normally daunting task of last minute decorating!

The last weekend of April (28th-29th) should prove to be sunny and mild for our Club cruise-out to Westgate Landing. The moorage is operated by the county and, as such, there is a small fee for overnight docking. We cannot make reservations, but I would think there should be adequate dock space. There is no power or water service at the docks, but it's a nice location just off Potato Slough near Tower Park. The other side of the levee has pleasant, tree-shaded RV spots and I hope many of our RV members join us! RV spots have a small fee too. This is a dog-friendly location, but your pooch needs to be on a leash when in the park. If you bring your dingy, a quick jaunt over to Tower Park would be fun to check out the chandlery, fuel docks, yacht sales, etc.

So, save the date and look for additional information regarding fees, driving directions and boating directions. I'll also post the sign up sheet before meeting night.



Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.

Flyer information is requested by the 15th.

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*Welcome
New Associate Member!*

Dick Norway

*(Address & Phone Number
available at the Club)*

Jeanette Tiscareno

*(Address & Phone Number
available at the Club)*

Note:

To protect the privacy of our members, address and phone information will not be listed on the on-line version of our Newsletter.

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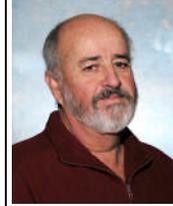
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We wish you all speedy recoveries and hope you heal quickly!

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**PORT CAPTAIN
COMMENTS**

JIM DAWSON



Thank you to **Chuck Carroll** and **Charlie Carroll** for heading up all the work that has been done to the west side of the Ferry. You can see the continuing progress of repair and more siding being installed.

Also thanks to Chuck Carroll, Charlie Carroll and **Steve Martinez** for the work that has been happening on the West side of the Ferry, more cables are being run to strengthen support on the beams between the two sides of the Ferry.

Please continue to sign up for caretaker baby sitting.



(Curry's Article—Continued from page 1)

for taking time out of their busy lives to help at the last work party: **Gary Abeyta, Tino & Janet Abon, Len Adkerson, Tom Bottorff, Chuck Carroll, Charlie Carroll, Mike Carroll, Bruce Connelley, Jim Dawson, Joe Fray, Lonnie & Alice Gibson, Jerry Goldsmith, Carl Hamilton, Dennis Higgins, Jim Hill, Brian & Paula Hope, Doug Horton, Charlie Katusich, Rod & Karen Kreiss, Tim Lamb, Chuck Larosee, Dan & Sherry Lively, Don Lucido, Roger & Cindy Mammon, Steve Martinez, Harry Parker, John Perryman, Dave Selvy, Jackie Steele, Chris Stubberfield, Joe Stubberfield, Mike Transchel, Rick Walker, and me.**

As always, more to come on the next Work Party, so stay tuned.

Safe Boating!



PICYA Report

Larry Draper

We attended the PICYA Leadership Conference at Aeolian YC on March 3rd. This all-day workshop, along with the Fall Management meeting that PICYA sponsors, is a valuable resource for all who would like to "go through the chairs." One hundred and two yacht club members attended. Many important issues regarding PICYA and RBOC events and issues were addressed.

RADM Jody Breckenridge, Commanding Officer, District 11 USCG was the keynote speaker. Information on Opening Day, Wheelchair Regatta, Club Insurance, Scholarship Awards, Regattas & Racing, Yachting Yearbook and PICYA Log, Regional Affairs and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control was presented.

Anyone holding an office or aspiring to hold and office as well as being delegates to PICYA should make every effort to attend these workshops.

Following the workshop, we attended the monthly meeting of PICYA hosted by Coyote Point YC on March 5th. Many clubs celebrated St. Patrick's Day as it fell on a convenient weekend. Bridge Marina YC will host a nautical flea market on April 28th; call 925-706-1187 or 209-518-3314 for information. Corinthian YC announced their Opening Day activities that include the blessing of the fleet. All yachts are invited to participate. See the flyer posted at the bar. Shirts for Opening Day can be ordered through our Ship's Store. Instructions on registering for the parade are on the PICYA website (www.picya.org).

RBOC is working on several boater issues. On the agenda is Vessel Operator Certification, Protection of Boater Funds, Boat Decal and Fees for Lake Tahoe, Copper-based Anti-fouling Paints, White's Landing (Catalina Islands), and reviewing 2007 Legislative Proposals. Check out their website at www.rbo.org.

There are still cabins available for the PICYA cruise to Alaska on June 10th out of San Francisco.

Webmaster Johnnie Owen would like clubs to email their events to him for inclusion on the website and in **The Log**.

The Yachting Yearbook will be out soon.

The 2007 Regattas have been scheduled for August 18 and Treasure Island YC will host. Check PICYA website for details.

This year's scholarship applications are due August 7, 2007, and will be announced at the November awards meeting.

The next delegate's meeting is at Presidio YC on April 2nd.

THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO



My time here has been one of mixed blessings...I mean I like a good party and like most of the world I have (had) a percentage of Irish blood running through these now departed veins, So when I heard that the venerable St. Patrick is comin' and the usual cast of

characters one certain red cheeked past Commodore and his kids were gonna be drinking the beer of the Saint..Well I stepped right up and wouldn't ya know it...right through the cup. I couldn't even hold the cup let alone drink the nectar. Shamus Begorah!! Tis' a shame!!

Well I did get a few laughs in and so did the rest of the club it seems. Boy can some of you put it away. And the "Corrned" Beef! - Was that good...or what? aah ...fer me it was the aroma; but still, it was great fun.

Say - who was the one who wanted to see if there was a Ghost around here? Pouring good beer on the floor...this place will smell like the "bottle catch" room below decks for a month. I guess they thought this old vestige would start complaining? Naah...But wait...those working in the kitchen nearly caught me... I didn't realize it, but when I move through steam, it sort of illuminates my form. I saw me in the window when I was in there trying to get a taste when they took the lid off the cooking meat. One of the ladies looked up and blinked.

Coupla weeks ago some stalwart fellows jumped into the mud under the ferry and started really tying the old girl together... huh? the ferry... who'd you think I was talking about?

Great work party! And it starts looking like spring...I sure wish the Old Norwegian sailor would get the mower running ...the grass is tall enough to swallow some of the dogs using it for a po...head. Man is he gonna love that. Check yer shoes Ollie.

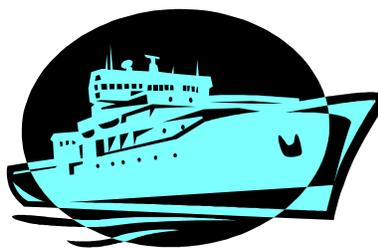
Word has it there's going to be a sun screen built over the barbeque area. Maybe that means that the meat won't get a sunburn anymore...ha..ha...It sure will improve the comfort of those doing the cooking out there.

Last month I heard that the old Norske volunteered to cook his Specialty...Steak Ranchero for Cinco de Mayo. You don't want to miss that; Flour tortillas with refried beans, Spanish rice and the Steak Ranchero. He said he learned how to make it from a Mexican friend he used to work with landscaping...should be good.

Speaking of cooking...the Blue Grass BBQ on the River is in full planning mode. From what I have listened to ...it sounds like you are going to have a real fine day again. The Commodore is going to need a lot of help with this one...so if you can step up and offer a hand. She's looking for donations for the raffle and a door prize. But more than that she's looking for someone to handle the raffle... anyone out there feeling energetic...? **Volunteer!!** I'd do it but who's gonna hear me call the numbers. I think I'll ask Francine to hitch a "Ryde" down for the weekend. "Ryde"... get it?

That was a hoot!!

The California Striped Bass Association (CSBA), along with the Preservation and Conservation League and the Consolidated Sportfishing Protection Alliance, have come together to file suit against the Department of Water Resources, Bureau of Reclamation, and other state agencies for violation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, the California Endangered Species Act, violation of public trust and destruction of fisheries.



CSBA's share of legal fees has been estimated to be \$5,000 per year for the next three years.

Fund raising efforts have been started with a cruise to Alaska, with all proceeds going toward impending legal fees. The fares for the cruise are reasonable.

This cruise is open to everyone and Sportsmen

Yacht Club members who are interested are encouraged to check out all the information on our website (www.sportsmenyc.org).

The CSBA feels this is a battle worth fighting.